



Indiana Rural Development Council



Environmental Infrastructure Working Group (EIWG)

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The Indiana Rural Development Council (IRDC) is a partnership of local, state, federal, profit and not-for-profit stakeholders that support Indiana communities. The IRDC's purpose is to coordinate efforts of citizens and governments to meet the economic and social needs of rural Indiana.



Environmental Infrastructure



The Environmental Infrastructure Working Group (EIWG) is a group of representatives from various state and federal agencies that meets with communities to discuss all funding options for infrastructure projects.



Participating Partners



- Indiana Department of Commerce
- IDEM/SBA State Revolving Loan Fund
- USDA Rural Development
- US Dept. of Commerce – Economic Development Administration
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Rural Community Assistance Program
- Alliance of Indiana Rural Water



EIWG Process



- Submit 2 page in-take document to IRDC
- Schedule meeting with EIWG
- Meeting with community leaders and assistance providers
- Follow-up with contacts



Remember the Golden Rule . . .

**Agencies want to help
communities that are willing
to help themselves!**



Indiana Department of Commerce

- State and Federal Planning Grants
 - Up to \$50,000 for community/project planning
- Community Focus Fund Grant
 - Up to \$500,000 for projects that benefit low-to-moderate income people



State Revolving Loan Fund

- Low-interest loan program based on Median Household Income (2.9%-3.9%)
- No maximum or minimum request limits
- Funding for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements
- Political subdivisions eligible for wastewater funding
- Not-for-profits, privately-owned systems and political subdivisions eligible for drinking water funding



USDA - Rural Development

- Combination grant and loan program
- Interest rates determined by Median Household Income
- No maximum or minimum request limits
- Up to 40-years for loan payback



Economic Development Administration

- Planning and construction funds
- Primary goals of program are job creation and job retention
- Targets areas with historically high unemployment rates



US Army Corps of Engineers



Rural Community Assistance Program

- Provide assistance with project planning
- Help to identify financing options
- Assess O & M problems and provide assistance
- Develop educational materials for public outreach



Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

- Formerly the Indiana Water & Wastewater Association
- Circuit Rider Program
 - Water
 - Wastewater
 - Ground Water
- Training Sessions on Specific Topics



Benefits of EIWG

- Provides “one-stop-shopping” for communities
- Early coordination of multiple funding sources
- Face-to-face discussion with decision makers
- Program representatives understand communities’ options



Tips for EIWG Success

- Meet with EIWG early in your project
- Bring your community leaders, engineer, accountant, attorney, etc.
- Ask questions!
- Follow-up on suggestions from meeting